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## MINUTES

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging  
Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee (SPAC)

(*Nevada Revised Statute* [NRS] 427A.034)

Date and Time of Meeting: September 18, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging and Disability Services Division  
445 Apple Street, #104  
Reno NV 89502

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### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: Connie McMullen, Jerry Johnson, Kathy McClain, Charles Perry  
Staff: Jane Gruner, Sally Ramm, Tina Padovano  
Absent: Barry Gold, Sue Rhodes

### II. Welcoming Remarks Connie McMullen, Chair

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

A quorum was declared.

### III. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item.)

There was no public comment.

### IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Strategic Plan Accountability Committee Meeting of April 22, 2013 **(For Possible Action)** Connie McMullen, Chair

A motion was made for the approval of the April 22, 2013 minutes as amended. Jerry Johnson moved to approve as amended. Kathy McClain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Announcements from Members  
Connie McMullen, Chair

Jerry Johnson announced a senior services fair on September 25, 2013 at the Clark County Library. The American Institute of Medical Stenography will be offering free ultrasound heart screenings at the Clark County Library on the first Mondays of October, November and December. The heart screenings are available to all adults over the age of 18.

Kathy McClain announced that SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) is holding a senior safety and resource fair on October 15, 2013 at the East Las Vegas Community Center.

Connie McMullen announced that a Senior Fest event was held on September 3, 2013. Renown Health was the main sponsor of the event. Aging Services and the Health Division contributed money for vaccinations.

Jerry Johnson mentioned that a group is spot checking nursing homes in the state. They are looking for volunteers.

Charles Perry stated that he attended a training program with the Nevada Association of Directors of Nurses. The Ombudsman Program is currently taking volunteers to be trained to review nursing facilities. The state of Nevada is one of few states where the Ombudsman Program is run by the state. In other states the ombudsman programs are volunteers outside the state, but run through the state aging programs.

Charles Perry also mentioned that the Nevada Health Association formed a 501C3. The focus of the 501C3 is to provide training to all staff at skilled nursing facilities. The foundation is called the Perry Foundation.

VI. Status of Aging and Disability Services Division Strategic Plan.  
Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Jane Gruner stated that at this point in our strategic plan we have the first seventeen (17) key informant interviews finished. We are currently looking at the key needs of Nevadans. We are looking at how the current delivery system works and how it should work, and what are the strategic opportunities that the integration can accomplish. The findings at this point are that the integration is an opportunity to promote and strengthen our services, create more efficiency within the services, and to develop better advocate resources.



The critical issues are the following:

- Accountability to be sure that the plan is outcome based.
- Transparency so people can track where we are, which will demonstrate the impact we are having.
- The collection and reporting of data uniformly.
- Standardization of the system of care and making sure the process of collecting information is evidence based, clear, coherent, and consistent.
- Family centered framework. We want to be sure that people are not isolated and family is included.
- Access to services. We want to be sure the community is aware of the services available and how they can obtain the services.
- Collaboration of cross programs and services. Emphasis is on care managers to set things up and increase communication between team members.
- Work force development, such as cross training and advanced knowledge of services.
- Resource development for individual client needs, such as hospice care, sufficient providers, respite care, housing, transportation, education, case management and caregiver information.

Jane Gruner stated that most of the funding comes from the Federal Government. Sequestration will continue for the next ten (10) years. It is essential that we are prepared to present this to legislators for the next budget. The focus of the next budget is senior services.

Kathy McClain stated that we need some type of strategy regarding the needs of seniors.

Connie McMullen asked Ms. Gruner when the integration plan will be finalized. Ms. Gruner stated the integration report should be finalized by the end of December. We will then start building the strategic priorities from the strategic plans and accountability plan. We will end up with one strategic plan, but it will have different priorities set for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Charles Perry mentioned that the state has recent new payment methods with regard to people that have been shipped out of state for behavioral issues. We will provide education programs with regard to this issue.

VII. Update on Results of 2013 Legislative Session  
Connie McMullen, Chair  
Sally Ramm, Elder Rights Attorney, ADSD

Sally Ramm brought attention to the following legislative bills:

- AB80 created a taskforce for Alzheimer's disease. This has been assigned to ADSD and will go forward.
- AB344 Provides for the use of physician orders for life-sustaining treatment in the state which records wishes of a patient regarding life sustaining treatment.
- SB86 expanded the respite care program to persons with Alzheimer's disease or other diseases and includes persons of any age.
- SB178 allows the Nevada Silver Haired Legislators to request one (1) bill draft request for each regular session of the legislature.
- AB180 provides the retention of the right to vote if under guardianship, unless the court finds otherwise.

Ms. McMullen would like the SPAC to have more of a voice during the next legislative session. Ms. Gruner has recommended that we start working on our positions, have them approved by the COA members, and delegate people to move forward.

Ms. McMullen spoke with Tina Gerber-Winn. Ms. Gerber-Winn would like the SPAC to assist her with some issues during the next legislative session. Some of the items talked about are getting more slots with the waivers, more volunteers, specifically in the Ombudsman Program, and more money for ADSD.

Other items to be considered are the nursing homes and out of state placement. It is an opportunity to educate as well.

- VIII. Make recommendations regarding the Mission and Activities of the SPAC Subcommittee including but not limited to participation in strategic planning for the 2015 Legislative session. **(For Possible Action)**  
Connie McMullen, Chair

Jane Gruner asked what ADSD can do to help the group. The members mentioned that ADSD could supply statistics. Ms. Gruner is putting together the history of waivers.

IX. Consider Agenda Items and Date and Time for the Next Meeting **(For Possible Action)**

Connie McMullen, Chair

Next meeting will be held on October 30, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Possible agenda items for the next meeting:

- Integration plan.
- Mr. Perry regarding nursing facilities in the State of Nevada.
- Formulating legislative concepts.
- Volunteers in the ombudsman programs.
- Charles Perry will be on the next agenda regarding the nursing homes. Mr. Perry would like to invite Daniel Mathis to the next meeting.
- Budget - ADSD

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X. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item).

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave, Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
7. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City 89706

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